

# Convention President Sees "Real or Truth"

Robert Hamblin may have come into office as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention with a little more knowledge of convention operation than many others. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, for instance, has been on the convention board for 10 years.

However, he has been impressed with some things about Mississippi Baptists that he's learned since he took office as president last November.

"In meeting with the heads of institutions and boards I found a deep concern for the mission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and a deep sense of dedication for the cause," says Hamblin, who came to the Harrisburg church 19 years ago from Tennessee.

Hamblin says he was impressed with the comprehensiveness of the work of the Education Commission and when the Convention Board decided to halt development of the Central Hills retreat, "The (development)

committee's spirit of cooperation was overwhelming."

That developmental delay was brought about partially by a projected shortage in the 1977 Cooperative Program income for the state. Hamblin says he sees Mississippi Baptists as having been "presented with a logical challenge by Dr. Kelly and others leaders. In the last two months the church leadership has seen that we're not going to reach our goal and have redoubled efforts in mission giving — almost sacrificial giving."

Hamblin also wants the percentage of Cooperative Program giving to Southern Baptist Convention causes to continue to increase "particularly to home mission and foreign mission outreach. 32 percent of total giving is too low."

Hamblin says he doesn't see any really divisive issues in the state convention now. He's excited about the reopening of Gulfshore. "I fought tooth and toenail for it to stay on the coast. I

think an assembly should be in a vacation place," he says.

The biggest weaknesses of Mississippi Baptists in Hamblin's eyes are in Bible knowledge and concern for spreading the gospel.

Asked if he believes Mississippi Baptists know the Bible well, Hamblin says "Frankly, they do not. Most Baptist preachers I know preach the Bible. But we've come to recognize our religious education has been lacking in teaching our people the Bible." The Harrisburg church holds several discipleship classes weekly, which, among other things, requires scripture memorization.

As for concern, Hamblin says, "I think we need to envision the loss of people without Christ in Mississippi. I don't believe we're as concerned about getting the gospel to lost people as we should be."

He believes the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis for Southern Baptists may

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People are asking "What can I do in Tupelo for Christ?"



Robert Hamblin stands in front of Harrisburg Church. (Photo and story by Tim Nicholas)



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### Mississippi Pastor Is Artist

## Comic Book Will Be Tool For Youth Evangelism In Singapore

By Tim Nicholas

A cartooning hobby, a short term mission service need, and the willingness of a Mississippi Baptist pastor to serve, are being parlayed into an evangelistic comic book for young people in Singapore.

Cartooning has been a longtime hobby of Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss. And back in March, he read in The Commission magazine, publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, that a cartoonist was needed on a short term basis in Singapore.

"It kinda jumped out at me," said McKeever, who contacted the Foreign Mission Board and wrote the missionary in Singapore who advertised for help.

He got the "come-ahead" from Singapore by phone at 5 p.m. McKeever spent two weeks in May in Singapore preparing for the comic book which is nearly ready for publication.

The 2.2 million population city is in the midst of an urban strategy headed by missionary Bob Wakefield — an evangelistic effort by Southern Baptists which includes development of small congregation house churches — and a comic book for young people.

The comic will be in English, the official language of Singapore and will be sold in stores along with secular comics. McKeever worked in Singapore with a group of young people who helped him write the script. "They told me who the main characters were," said McKeever, who closeted himself for two days to write the dialogue and piece out the action.

He then put that script into the hands of about 20 Singapore kids who molded the dialogue into the way Singapore kids would say things. "I had one

character saying 'You are really weird,'" said McKeever. "They changed it to 'You are really one kind.' For greetings they changed 'How are you?' to 'How-da?'"

When McKeever left, the whole comic was mapped out panel by panel. Since May he's been drawing the comic and arranging for addition of color. An example is pictured above.

The basic plot of the comic is the interaction of three boys, one of whom begins acting strange — he no longer cheats, he shows concern for other people. He finally tells them he has become a Christian and they put him down, saying he's played into the hands of the Westerners. One thing

## Church Librarians Honor Wayne Todd

By Anne McWilliams

"It's going to take all Christians talking about their faith," Wayne Todd said of Bold Mission Thrust. "The devil gets in us and says, 'Don't talk about it! Just live it out.'"

Todd was speaking to the 120 church librarians and others at the sixth annual Mississippi Baptist Library Organization Workshop held at First Church, Hattiesburg Oct. 21 and 22.

In line with the workshop theme, "Let the Church Reach Out Through Media Services," Todd said that books can be used to reach people.

He added, "We need to be sensitive to other people and to their interests. If

McKeever has a boy saying is that "Jesus is a creation of moneyface rich people who use him to take advantage of other people."

McKeever says that after the boy is able to help a girl who had planned suicide, they gradually see that he's really changed.

McKeever says he's changed some too. He's always been involved in missions. His church has a goal of \$45,000 this year for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, and McKeever is a member of the Foreign Mission Board of directors. Now, he says, "I'll probably go as a missionary someday."

we leave something tangible with them, we show them that we care about them as people and not just church prospects or as names on a list."

Todd, a native of Mississippi, a Mississippi College graduate, and former pastor in Mississippi, has been secretary of the Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1959. Because he is retiring next year, this was the last such workshop that he will conduct in the convention.

Bryant Cummings, director, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presented a

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### Most Americans Not Involved

## Southern Baptists Assay 1200 New Sunday Schools

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here is sponsoring an emphasis to start 1,200 new Sunday Schools during the next church year to reach millions of persons — including seven million Southern Baptists — not involved in Bible study.

During the past church year, which ended in September, 567 new Sunday Schools were started in the effort to provide places of Bible study near people's homes. In the previous year, 350 new Sunday Schools were started.

Statistics show that seven million Southern Baptists church members are among an estimated 180 million persons in the United States not involved in Bible study, a board spokesman said. Some 600 counties in the United States have no form of Southern Baptist witness.

The primary reason for concentrating on new Sunday Schools, instead of enrolling people in existing churches, is that present number of Sunday Schools could not possibly handle all the people not enrolled in Sunday School, said James Lackey, consultant in the Sunday School department. Many of the new Sunday Schools are expected to develop into churches or missions.

The effort to establish new Sunday Schools, Lackey said, hopefully will reach people best by providing a Bible teaching ministry that best meets their needs. He believes people are more likely to join a Sunday School in a similar ethnic and economic group than to travel across town to another Sunday School.

Most states are searching for personnel who will work full-time for the state convention or fellowship with the primary responsibility of starting new Sunday Schools. Nine persons are working in this capacity now, and 15 more are being trained in locating and financing this additional worker.

Lackey said most of the new Sunday

Schools are started from Mission Vacation Bible Schools, Backyard Bible Clubs and revival-type meetings. Many established churches are reporting wide use of the Sunday School

Board's ACTION Sunday School enrollment plan to start new Sunday Schools.

New Sunday Schools are divided into

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## HMB Raises Church Loans Interest Rate

ATLANTA (BP) — Facing mounting inflation, the church loans division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will change interest rates charged for loans.

Directors voted to continue the pre-

sent 9 1/2 percent interest, but approved the addition of a one percent processing fee during their fall meeting here.

Robert Kilgore, director of the church loans division, said recent loans have been analyzed and it was found processing costs for each loan range from \$650 to \$1,000.

Kilgore, who said the processing fee will not exceed \$750 on any loan, added that the fee will be discounted from the loan amount. It will apply to all loans for which applications are received after Oct. 12, 1977.

The reason for the \$750 ceiling, Kilgore said, is that the average loan processed by the division is for \$75,000.

"The division has been subsidizing the money borrowed from lending institutions to the tune of \$275,000 a year," Kilgore said. "In making a realistic appraisal of where we stood, we decided we can't stand that kind of loss."

Kilgore added all lending institutions have some sort of plan for recovering processing costs. "In this type of market, it is our considered opinion that this is below the market."

In other action, the church loans division has decided to consider Canadian churches affiliated with a Southern Baptist state convention. Kilgore said the action to consider those which apply for such loans comes in response to an action by the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City in June, which opened the way for denominational agencies to assist Baptist churches in Canada.

The action clearing the way for loan applications came during the annual fall meeting of the Home Mission Board here.

Kilgore, noting the action is an exception to ordinary loan procedures, said the loans will be made to the Canadian churches in U. S. currency and that recipients will be asked to use U. S. currency to repay the loans.

"Canadian churches receiving loans will make the adjustments in exchange rates themselves," Kilgore said. "This will give them an advantage or a disadvantage financially, depending on exchange rates."

Kilgore said eligible churches are in Western Canada and are affiliated

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## Easing Mennonite Plight

Pam Mills of First Baptist Church, Seminole, assists Abe Harms during one of the church's English language instruction classes for Mennonites who have immigrated to West Texas from Mexico and Canada (BP PHOTO by David Clanton) (See story on page 2.)

High Attendance  
Day in  
Sunday School  
Oct. 30  
Mississippi  
Goal  
225,000

## Players Minister to 'Formerly Ignored'

When the Happy Times Players take the stage at any church, retreat, school or event it is a delightful time for all present. The group, composed of some eleven imaginary characters who do puppet shows and two very much alive clowns were sweeping Mississippi with their talent.

Betty Spires has organized this group which is now performing about once a week. Betty who first put the group together for a GA retreat says "so many times our children are left out when we are planning a religious program or meeting. I am getting more and more calls for revivals to present puppet shows for the children. When plans are made for most revivals churches get an evangelist and a music director who gear the revival to the youth and adults. I feel our little children need a program of their own at least one night."

Betty's clown show goes over great at hotdog suppers and is often a means

of bringing in neighborhood children who would otherwise not be reached. During some church revivals she is asked to come on Monday and go into the elementary school in the community if the church can make arrangements. This has proven a great success in promoting attendance and as Betty says "it's a mission opportunity."

The Happy Time Players have all their material written by Betty and pre-taped. Most shows include a skit and music. She uses music recorded by evangelist singer Jamall Badry. She feels that Jamall has a special love for children which is reflected in his music. "His songs from *Listen To The Children* have made my puppet shows a tremendous success," says Betty.

A unique feature of the puppet group is that they perform from a two story house which shows views both inside and outside the house. On most occasions Betty performs solo. Scripts are

(Frank Lay Photos)



Betty and Polly examine the puppet bible in a church.

recorded in advance with the help of Mrs. Patsy Williams and Mrs. Polly Watkins who help make the individual character parts come alive. Mrs. Watkins also doubles as a clown when the show is close enough to New Albany. Mrs. Ester Dunlap helps the group get costumes together which is a big job since Betty usually writes original scripts to fit the occasion of the performance. This calls for constant costume changes.

Future plans for Betty and the Happy Time Players may include seminary. Betty states that she dedicated her life fifteen years ago to full time Christian service — then took it back. She now feels she is ready for whatever God would have her do.

A native Virginian, she has been in Mississippi for almost fourteen years where she first came as a Blue Mountain College freshman. She like the college and Mississippi so stayed four years to graduate with a BS in Physical Education.

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three categories: First, the neighborhood start, a new Sunday School near the sponsoring church to draw from people not attending the existing church. Second, the satellite Sunday School, generally located over one mile from the sponsoring church, such as in a new subdivision. Third, "far away starts," apply to churches sponsoring a new Sunday School in another town or state.

## Introducing Lay Renewal

"CeLAYbration" will be in Jackson Oct. 28-29. Designed to introduce lay renewal ministries to Baptist adults and youths, the event will be held at Woodville Heights Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday and ending at 4:45 p.m. Saturday.

## Mercer Gets Federal Funds For Planned Medical School

MACON, Ga. (BP) — Mercer University's developing medical school has received approval of a crucial \$250,000 federal grant that will trigger release of \$12 million in local and state funds.

Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano informed Georgia Senators Herman Talmadge and Sam Nunn and Rep. Billy Evans that he was releasing the controversial grant.

Earlier, the National Advisory Council on Health Professions had recommended against the grant to the Baptist school out of fear that it would lead to a massive infusion of federal aid with no guarantee that the school would succeed.

The council questioned the school's financial package, the need for a fourth medical school in Georgia and planning for the Mercer school, which has been developing since the early 1970s.

Califano reversed the independent health council's decision because the council under-rated the school's support and purpose, an HEW spokesman

said following announcement of release of the funds.

The grant was approved by Califano, the spokesman said, because:

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with the Northwest Baptist Convention, which covers Southern Baptist work in Oregon and Washington, and is one of 33 state-level Baptist conventions covering Southern Baptist work in 50 states.

## Seminole Baptist Concern Eases Mennonites' Plight

By Orville Scott

SEMINOLE, Tex. (BP) — For more than a half century members of First Baptist Church, Seminole, in far West Texas, have helped to send missionaries to other countries. Suddenly the foreign mission field has come to them.

The people "from a far country" are about 500 Mennonites who left Mexico and Canada to buy 12 sections (7,680 acres) of the flat West Texas plains near Seminole.

As the new settlers began moving in last spring, Pastor Gerald Tidwell and other First Church leaders began to study the best ways of ministering to them.

"In doctrine and church ordinances, the Mennonites are as much like Southern Baptists as any denomination you could find," said Tidwell.

"Their roots go back to the early 16th Century Anabaptists. They, like Baptists, suffered severe persecution in Europe and Colonial America for insisting on separation of church and state and for refusing to accept infant baptism. Unlike most Southern Baptists, however, some of the Mennonites

are still enduring persecution in Mexico," said Tidwell.

And for a time it appeared that ill treatment had followed them into the Lone Star State. Their rosy future suddenly turned bleak on discovering they had been misinformed about the land and their visas. Then Seminole Baptists and other concerned people stepped into the breach.

Since most of the newcomers spoke only German and Spanish, it was obvious to Seminole Baptists that their most immediate need was to learn English. Citizenship training would be the next logical ministry.

Vivacious Pam Mills, who teaches 7th grade English in the Seminole schools, was asked to coordinate the church's language ministry. She heads a team of 10 people from the church in a language ministry which enrolls 15 men, 10 women and about 20 children.

Mills, who grew up in a community where German was "a second language," says the Mennonites' gratitude and enthusiasm is reward enough for the late hours.

"More than any other time in my life I've seen God's presence," Mills said during Texas Baptists' first ministry evangelism conference in Dallas recently. "For the first time in my life I've known I was called," she said.

The families being taught by Seminole Baptists are affiliated with the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church, while the larger group farther from town is called the Old Colony Mennonite Church. The Evangelical Mennonites live in mobile homes clustered around a rectangular tin-covered building which they converted into a school and church.

On a recent week night, a round harvest moon smiled on the little community and the vast prairie lands beyond. Inside the little building, smiling blonde Barbara Moore led an intent group of 10 wives and mothers in conversational English. All of them wore scarves on their hair but otherwise their attire might have been that of any group of American women.

Still smiling energetically after teaching all day in the public schools, the young teacher explained, "I can come in feeling really down, and their enthusiasm really picks me up."

Several handsome children of various ages — unnoticed by the women — peeked through the door and an open window in round eyed curiosity. The teacher held up a picture and her students recited after her, "This is a dress shop." They broke into laughter on the next picture when their slim instructor said with slow precision, "I am very fat."

Nearby, silhouetted in the moonlight, a tall friendly German named Herman Dyck held his 3-year-old blonde daughter in his arms and

President Carter to the pontiff — and formally became the first Roman Catholic ever to hold the post.

New York (RNS) — Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), the worldwide Jewish migration agency, announced here that it has helped resettle 4,697 Soviet Jews in the free world during the first six months of 1977. Of the total, 89 per cent or 4,164 were helped to find new homes in the U.S.

Tulsa, (RNS) — Evangelist Oral Roberts has announced plans to build a \$100 million health center here which will combine medical expertise with prayer. Roberts said the center will include a 777-bed hospital, a 60-floor clinic and diagnostic center, and a 20-floor research center. An estimated staff of 5,000 will be required to maintain the center, including some 300 physicians and surgeons.

New York (EP) — A noted church historian told an inter-Lutheran gathering here that the "born again" movement in American Christianity is the strongest movement in American religion today and that "it's not going to go away." Martin E. Marty, professor of modern church history at the University of Chicago Divinity School gave a critical appraisal of the movement of the third annual Inter-Lutheran Forum. He described the two major components of the "born again" movement as personal experience and Biblical authority, and suggested that it has newly arisen out of a strong impulse to find a personal and social identity.

New Delhi (RNS) — India's Prime Minister Morarji R. Desai has urged the Delhi state administration to launch a "drastic" alcohol prohibition policy, to set an example for the rest of the country. Desai, a devout Hindu, has said he believes, just as did Mohandas K. (Mahatma) Gandhi, that a major cause of poverty in India is that poor people, peasants, and workers spend the bulk of their income on liquor.

explained to a visitor in broken English how he had farmed in Chihuahua, Mex., where his father had migrated from Canada about 1920. But religious persecution and expropriations of the Mennonites' lands in the waning days of President Luis Echeverria led them to see in Gaines County, Tex., a 20th Century promised land.

"We wanted to come, to live as our parents did," said one, "to farm and to live in the country and teach our children as our parents taught us. To have our own schools and our own churches."

"They said it was easy as long as we bought an acre of land. They said everything would be OK, that we could get our permanent status."

So the Mennonites sold everything and moved to Texas. Some dreamed of a self-sustaining colony of 30,000 Mennonites living on 50,000 acres.

But their troubles had just begun. They learned that they held the water rights for only 3 1/2 sections of the land for which they paid about \$2.6 million.

Worse yet, they had entered the county on temporary visas which expired in 60 days. The U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) had to inform them that they must leave or face deportation proceedings.

Then their new neighbors, including members of First Church, came to their aid and sought relief for them all the way up the ladder to President Jimmy Carter, who expressed concern for their plight.

Sympathetic INS officials extended the Mennonites' visas to Jan. 31, so they could harvest their crops and said they were "victims of schemes" and were apparently misinformed about the immigration laws by the persons who sold them the land. An FBI agent said his agency planned to conduct an investigation into the matter.

Meanwhile, 15 Seminole area businessmen purchased a manufacturing plant and negotiated a contract for assembling a new type of non-directional windmill developed by a Lewisville businessman, Lewis Figley. He claims a single windmill can provide electrical power for several houses as well as irrigating a section of land.

A Seminole attorney said the Mennonites are the areas' only source of labor for the project, and he is confident of the heads of households can qualify for permanent labor certificates through the U. S. Department of Labor.

Meanwhile a permanent bond of Christian love has been welded between people of different cultures but a common faith and heritage: "We're brothers and sisters in Christ," said a Mennonite. "This is the most rewarding and fruitful thing we've ever done," said Pastor Tidwell.

## Association Removes Church For Ordaining A Woman

PERRYVILLE, Ky. (BP) — A small Southern Baptist congregation in Gravel Switch, Ky., was removed from membership in its local Baptist association because it ordained a woman to the ministry earlier this year.

The 98-04 vote to dismiss the 130-member Beech Fork Baptist Church came during a session of the South District Baptist Association's annual convention, Oct. 17, at the Perryville Baptist Church here.

The action brought to a close nearly a year of contention between the 156-year old Gravel Switch Church and leaders of the South District Association, which includes about 25 Southern Baptist congregations in Central Kentucky.

The dismissal by the association does not affect the church's relationship to the Kentucky Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention.

The quarrel began last February when the Beech Fork congregation ordained Suzanne Coyle, a 25-year-old native of Lebanon, Ky. In April, the South District Association ordered the Gravel Switch Church to rescind the ordination or face the vote that would force it out of "fellowship."

That vote followed two hours of strongly-worded debate and parliamentary maneuvering that included a plea from the moderator of Beech Fork congregation, Wilson Hourgan: "We agonized over the decision to ordain Suzanne prayerfully," he said. "She is a God-called person. We don't ask that you agree with us, only that you understand us."

By tradition, Southern Baptist congregations are autonomous and are said to be "in fellowship" with local associations and state and national conventions. The constitutions of most Southern Baptist associations, including the South District in Kentucky, state that the association has no ecclesiastical authority over its member congregations.

In a telephone interview from her Philadelphia apartment, Miss Coyle

told Bruce Buursma of the Louisville Courier-Journal that she feels "hurt and sadness" for her church.

"I grew up there, played the piano at the church for years and I love those people," said Miss Coyle, who for the last three years has been a missionary of Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"What can I say about the decision (to dismiss the Gravel Switch church)?" she added. "The association is doing something it strongly be-

lieves is right and which I believe is wrong."

Although complete records are not available, it is believed that about 30 women have been ordained in recent years by Southern Baptist congregations, most to serve as chaplains, counselors or religious educators. Most of the more than 35,000 Southern Baptist congregations would, observers feel, oppose ordination of women, an issue which has caused debate in other denominations.

## Woman's Missionary Union Announces Staff Changes

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, has named a new director for its editorial department, has added two new editors and two new field workers, and has transferred another editor.

Grace Marquez of Birmingham, Ala., was named editorial department director. She has served as editor of Spanish WMU materials published by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in cooperation with WMU. She formerly taught English and Spanish at Samford University and English as a foreign language at the National University of Mexico, Mexico City, and directed the English program for Colegio La Salle, Cordoba, Veracruz, Mexico.

She holds degrees from Samford University, University of North Carolina, and InterAmerican University. Her husband, Francisco, is a television writer.

Lane Powell, also of Birmingham, is the new editor of Royal Service, WMU's top circulated monthly which has 319,186 women subscribers. Mrs. Powell received a bachelor of arts in journalism from Samford University and a master's degree in religious education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Powell has been a freelance public relations consultant and writer for 10 years. Prior to that she was news director for New Orleans Seminary and edited the alumni magazine. She is married to Robert Powell, chief chaplain of Baptist Medical Center — Montclair in Birmingham.

Oneta Gentry, who has edited Accent, the WMU monthly for girls in grades 7-12, since 1968, has transferred to edit general administration materials for WMU. She will edit Dimension, the flagship magazine for WMU leaders and church staff.

Pam Brown will assume the Accent editorship. Mrs. Brown, of Jasper, Ala., has been a junior high school English teacher for five years.

She also has served as an Alabama WMU girl's camp unit leader and as an associational Acteens director. She is a graduate of Jacksonville State University, Anniston, Ala. Her husband, Eddie, is minister of church programs at Northside Baptist Church, Jasper.

Jimmy Winter will become Mission Friends/Girls in Action consultant for WMU. Mrs. Winter came to WMU from Arlington, Tex., where she was director of childhood education for First Baptist Church. A frequent contributor to WMU publications and a national WMU conference leader, she

served on the development team for WMU's TransCom publications for teaching the Bible to children with no church background.

A graduate of Dallas Baptist College, Mrs. Winter is serving her third term as secretary-treasurer of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association. She is a former president of the Tarrant Religious Education Association and of the San Antonio Religious Education Association. Her husband, Charles, is a Birmingham businessman.

At the retirement of Bernice Elliott on August 31, Helen Fling assumed the position of WMU promotion associate in new areas. She was appointed by the Home Mission Board but is directed by WMU in developing WMU work in newer Southern Baptist state conventions. She will also initiate a ministry to pastors' wives.

Mrs. Fling was president of the national WMU organization 1963-69 and of New York WMU 1971-76. Most recently she served with her pastor husband, Robert, in an English-language church in Munich, Germany, under special missionary assignment by the Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Fling formerly was a pastor in Oklahoma, Texas, and served as a home missionary in New York.

# "Spare" Family Hosts Foreign Student

Patricia Sologuren's family couldn't go with her to college from Peru to Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, so Patricia was given a spare.

The spare family is the Packards: Gene and Betty, and their sons Mike and Mark. They participate in the host family program and have related to



Patricia Sologuren cooks arroz con pollo while Betty Packard takes mental notes. (Tim Nicholas Photo)

Patricia since she came to The W two years ago.

"The idea is to just be a friend," says Betty Packard, member of Columbus Fairview Baptist Church, and a member of the host family committee for the school.

Each international student — and there are about 150 at The W — is asked if she would like to participate. Virtually all agree. The host family agrees to help the girl orient to the community — take her shopping, make sure she has the necessities for college dormitory living, and invite them into the home for dinner, recreation, and to church. Most participant families, according to Betty, are Baptist or Catholic. Patricia is Catholic.

Patricia (the first "I" is pronounced like an "e") sticks close to the Packards. She phones regularly and often eats dinner with the family when studies are light. Last year she went to Florida with the family.

She remembers two years ago, when she arrived in Columbus from Lima. "I was spoiled and wanted to come home. She (Betty) would cheer me up." She says Betty helped her make it through the worst of her homesickness. Her first vacation trip back to Peru, Patricia says she thought she'd

not return to school. "But I really missed my friends," she says.

Though Patricia grew up speaking English along with Spanish, she had some surprises in the States. She learned about eating "that straw" from Mike Packard, now a student at Mississippi State, and during a hospital visit saw a boy with "a swollen up sickness."

The straw happened to be shredded wheat, and the swollen up sickness was a football player still with his shoulder pads on.

Other students — friends of Patricia — visit the Packards often. Roxanna Romero, also from Lima, and Claudia Bolanos (with the accent mark over the "n") that makes the pronunciation "Bolan-yos") from Guatemala City, Guatemala, both visit. Asked what influence Betty has had on their lives, Roxanna said, "It's very hard to separate Mrs. Packard from your whole way of life."

Mississippi colleges and universities are estimated to have more than 1,100 international students, many of whom are not involved in a host family program. Families interested in becoming involved in a host family program should contact the local Baptist Student Union director.

## 1978 SBC Program Will Include Respondents' Views

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — The rank and file of 12.9 million Southern Baptists are offering suggestions for the June 13-15, 1978 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

The first woman to chair the SBC order of business committee, Marian Grant of Raleigh, reported in her column in The Biblical Recorder, "Nearly every state paper ran my request (for program suggestions) and I've had excellent suggestions in letters from most of the states," Mrs. Grant stated.

Program ideas include more time for business, more women participants, more involvement for the laity, and a split opinion on more or less preaching.

"Some assistance for lay people through the church budgets would encourage attendance just as it does for pastors and in many cases, their wives," she stated.

Registration for the Atlanta meeting is expected to be around 18,000.

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## The Missions Task

### How Is Your Record?

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

In the immediate future it is imperative that every church reevaluate and update its participation in world missions. Christ has commanded it and the Father expects it. We have some 200 churches in the state that last year gave nothing to missions. While this is lamentable on one hand, it is quite remarkable on the other. When one stops to consider that there are over 1000 small rural churches in Mississippi, some quarter and half time, to have only 200 not giving to missions is regrettable but, at least to some degree, understandable.

No church can escape the clear command of Christ to go into all the world evangelizing, baptizing, and teaching, however. Let no one doubt the generosity and spirit of Mississippi Baptists. Be assured that when our work on earth is over, we can go to those non-participants, churches and members of churches alike, and say what Henry IV said to his General, "Go hang yourself, brave Crillon; we have won a great victory and you were not there!"

It is possible, but almost unforgivable, for a church to take the same attitude as that taken by the man in Jesus' story who received the one talent. A church may feel that its potential is small and therefore unimportant. Beware lest this blight cause some to receive the severe reprimand given by the talent giver, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter," (Matt. 25:26).

The problem is not that Baptists do not know, for they do. This knowledge makes their lack of obedience all the more amazing. Poverty of ability to give is no plea before God for failure to give. Paul pointed out in II Corinthians 8 that "if a man is willing to give, the

value of his gift is in its proportion to what he has, not to what he has not." If poor people and poor churches were not expected to give, then the overwhelming majority of the world's population would be left out of God's work!

It is no wonder then that Jesus points out that when the true picture is forcibly realized by reluctant receivers, "...there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Every church, like every church member, is important in the eyes of God and must, therefore, be in our eyes. Considering what it costs heaven to provide the gift God gives to repentant and believing children, the Almighty is not pleased with those who accept this priceless gift and then try to hide it away to present it at the pearly gates as a ticket for admittance. Every child of God has something to contribute. Happy is the child who faithfully follows his heavenly Father's instruction to develop and invest that placed in his hands toward the redemption of a lost world.

It is not the Father's fault if the world does not hear. Let us, one and all, make sure it isn't our fault, either!

Since giving is more a matter of the heart than of the pocketbook, where the heart is willing, the pocketbook will find a way to participate. It happens in your heart!

What can God say about your record when he checks the books? Think about it!

## Quoted

RICHMOND (BP) — Mission Service Corps, the new Southern Baptist Convention program for one and two-year mission volunteers, has generated interest and enthusiasm. But at the same time it has led some Baptists to express fears and uncertainty about the effects the program could have on established methods of mission support.

R. Keith Parks, director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's mission support division, made that observation in a report to the board at its October meeting.

"There are many who are voicing untempered enthusiasm about the Mission Service Corps," Parks said.

There are others who identify risks — that may in fact be dangers — threatening the basic concept of cooperation, with the potential of undermining the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions and state mission offerings.

As on any issue, Parks noted, the views of the majority of Baptists would lie in between these extremes. "It's imperative," he said, "that this board (the Foreign Mission Board) function in such a way as to pull together these extremes. There must be the maintaining of the enthusiasm and excitement generated by this concept. There is the potential of strengthening our basic cooperative venture by adding to it a new thrust, a broadened and deepened stream of support and an enlarged flow of missionary candidates for career service."

# Convention President Has Seen "Real Hunger"

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help change this apparent lack of concern. "Its broad objective has to do with getting people out witnessing all over the world," he says. "And where we see churches out proclaiming Christ as Savior and Lord, it's going to happen because people are filled with the Spirit — because pastors are really proclaiming the word of God."

Bold Mission Thrust to Hamblin, "is not just a denominational motto, but a program that can involve every church, every pastor, every church member — and must involve those people."

In the past 12 months Harrisburg church members have gone in a group of 21 for a home mission project in Montana, 12 went to Honduras, a husband and wife team volunteered for a project in Ecuador, and a student worked as a summer missionary also in Ecuador. He feels this sort of involvement is an answer to the need for more religious education in the church. "These who go out, come back as an inspiration to the whole church to support missions, and they come back as better witnesses at home — they come home asking 'What can I do in Tupelo for Christ?'"

He says recently he's seen "a real hunger for truth on the part of the believer. I believe each church should do everything it can do to educate people with the content and spirit of the Bible. And the church must provide the opportunity for practicing what they've learned from the word of God in evangelism and in social ministry."

Hamblin recommends that every church elect its total number of persons allowed as messengers to the coming state convention in Jackson, Nov. 15-17. "I'd like to invite lay people to participate," he says. "I believe if we're really going to have a Bold Mission Thrust, it's got to be more than a preacher movement — it has to reach more members of the church."

In the same spirit of cooperation Hamblin has seen in his year as president of Mississippi Baptists, he wants Baptists to watch for ever expanding areas of service. "Mississippi is a changing state economically and socially. We must be willing to meet the changes by being flexible in our approach to the Lord's work while we preach the same gospel we've always preached."

## Mississippi Baptists Host Internationals

The 1977 International Student Conference will hold its annual meeting at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Nov. 4-6.

Purpose of the gathering is to acquaint students of other religious backgrounds with the Christian faith in an atmosphere of complete understanding and respect for all religions.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work, and the Woman's Missionary Union, the conference last year drew 175 students from 33 countries.

Guest speakers for the event include William L. Hendricks, professor of physics at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

## Cooperative Ministries

### Regional Meets Discuss Joint Evangelism Work

Five regional conferences are being conducted November 28 - December 2 by the Mississippi Baptist Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists. Dick Brogan, director of the department, said, "These conferences will provide opportunity to deepen the awareness of the impact National and Southern Baptists can have in Mississippi as we join hands, hearts and resources to proclaim the Good News. A joint committee of National and Southern Baptists have been pooling their insights for over two years to initiate a Joint Bold Evangelism effort in 1978-1979."

Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention and co-chairman of the Joint Committee, along with Carlisle Driggers from Atlanta, Georgia, will be principal speakers. Driggers is an associate director in the Department of

Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The conferences will be held as follows: November 28, Tupelo, Ramada Inn; November 29, Greenville, Associational Office; November 30, Jackson, Associational Office; December 1, Columbia, South Columbia Baptist Mission; December 2, McComb, Continental Restaurant.

## Carey Chorale Performs On Bold Mission Day

The William Carey College Chorale's contribution to the Bold Mission Day program planned for Tuesday, November 1, will be a dynamic presentation of portions of the newly-released cantata approximately named Bold Mission.

Under the direction of Donald Winters, conductor of the Chorale and dean of the Carey School of Music, the 50-voice Chorale will perform for the 7 p.m. Bold Mission Rally in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.

The day's activities begin at 2:30 p.m. in Thomas Business Building with a denominational dialogue, moderated by Owen Cooper, Yazoo City

layman. A panel of experts in the field of mission advance from major SBC boards and agencies will be on hand for a 'workshop' approach to Bold Missions.

Other Southern Baptist leaders participating in the day's activities include: Lewis Myers, Foreign Mission Board; Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission; Mrs. Christine Gregory, president of the Woman's Missionary Union; Jim Clarke, Sunday School Board; Gerald Palmer, Home Mission Board; and Helen Falls, New Orleans Seminary.

## Euthanasia Seminar

Paul Simmons, associate professor of Christian Ethics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will be the featured speaker at the Euthanasia Seminar to be held at the Baptist Building on Mississippi Street Friday morning, November 4, at 9:45. The seminar is sponsored by the

Christian Action Commission, according to J. Clark Hensley, executive director. The program is scheduled to adjourn by 12:15 noon.

Simmons has made a special study of Euthanasia and kindred fields in his last sabbatical year and has conducted several similar seminars across the nation.

Within the confines of space limitation, anyone who is interested is welcome to hear the lecture and dialog with Dr. Simmons in this seminar. He will also be a featured speaker on Thursday afternoon at the Mississippi Council on Family Relations and will appear on television station WLBT at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning on the Coffee with Judy program.



Students Philip Fortenberry and Sarah Pierce look over the exciting new musical, Bold Mission, with chairman of the school of music Donald Winters. Winters conducts the Carey College Chorale which will set the theme and provide the musical setting for the Tuesday, November 1, Bold Mission Day program on the Hattiesburg campus. Baptists from South Mississippi, including pastors, staff members and all mission-interested church members will be involved in the event which begins at 2:30 p.m. and concludes at 9 p.m.

NOVEMBER, 1977	
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>ENROLLMENT FOLLOW-UP, OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 30</b> See Reach Out promotion material. <b>TEACH STEWARDSHIP LESSONS</b> Many churches have stewardship emphasis during November. As a part of the program the Sunday School will teach stewardship lessons during the month.
<b>Church Training</b>	<b>ATTEND MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATIONAL "M" NIGHT</b> Encourage all Church Training leaders and members to attend Ass. national "M" Night in November. The purpose of the meeting: to present an overview of Church Training for 1977-78. <b>CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL AND YOUTH BIBLE DRILL</b> Order leaflets for these Bible skill activities from the Mississippi Church Training Department. Secure the leadership and plan for intensive promotion beginning in January. Consult Mississippi Diary for Bible Drill clinics in the south central area of the state, December 12-13. <b>CONDUCT A "SURVEY OF TRAINING"</b> During November check personally the record of each church-elected Church Training worker to determine the books he/she has completed toward the Church Training Leadership Diploma. Seek to establish a goal of at least one additional book award for the year for each worker. This may result in the planning of a special "study course" for one or more groups of age-division workers.
<b>Church Music</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP SERVICE CHORUS OF SENIOR ADULTS</b> This is a congregational "sermon in song" for Thanksgiving and a thrust involving senior adults in music activity or rehearsal culminating in a Senior Adult Choir for a worship service. Brochure available from state Church Music Department. <b>HYMN OF THE MONTH</b> "New Thank We All Our God", Hymn #234, New Baptist Hymnal
<b>Brotherhood</b>	<b>ROYAL AMBASSADOR EMPHASIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 5-11</b> Needed materials available from October-December issue of the Brotherhood Builder. Additional copies from the state Brotherhood Department. <b>OVERNIGHT MISSIONS RETREAT, NOVEMBER 3-4</b> As a part of Royal Ambassador Emphasis Week a church may want to consider an overnight missions retreat. Program suggestions are available from the Brotherhood Department.
<b>Woman's Missionary Union</b>	<b>CHURCHWIDE STUDY OF THE FOREIGN MISSION GRADED SERIES BOOKS, NOVEMBER 20-23</b> Plans and suggestions given in October-December issue of <i>Discipline</i> magazine.
<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>LOCATE AND CULTIVATE NON-CHRISTIANS</b> Deacons could lead the church in praying for and visiting each of these people. <b>CONDUCT LAY EVANGELISM (WIN) SCHOOLS</b> The Lay Evangelism School is a project to train lay people for personal witnessing. (For information write the Evangelism Office, MBSB, Jackson, MS)
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>REMINERS</b> Continue the annual budget development and subscription emphasis. Distribute stewardship tracts. Place articles and testimonies on stewardship development in church publications. Use stewardship filmstrips in department assemblies and worship services.
<b>Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries</b>	<b>REMINER - NOVEMBER 1</b> Order literature for January, February and March.

# The Baptist Record

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## Editorials

### The Power To Tax . . .

## Churches Must Be Vigilant

John Philpot Curran in 1790 said "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance." He very well could have been a prophet concerning the tax system of the United States.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs held its 16th Religious Liberty Conference recently, and taxes were the main line of subject matter for the speakers. In fact, every speaker discussed taxes and church-related organizations.

This was to be expected for two reasons. Someone else said the power to tax is the power to destroy, and surely government can wield a tremendous influence on its constituency by the power to levy taxes and by the power of enforcement that goes with the power to tax.

Thus the major aspect of the conference discussion, as would be expected, was whether or not a governmental body should have the power to tax a church-related organization.

Relative to the question was the awareness that the Internal Revenue Service has declared itself to be in a position to define the church because it has taken on itself the task of determining what is and what is not an integrated auxiliary of the church.

This writer does not claim to have been able to do all that went on at that conference. I do claim to have been frightened by what I heard, however; and I came away determined to try to do a better job of being vigilant as far as freedom is concerned.

### Two Conclusions

There seemed to be two conclusions to come from this question of whether or not the church should be taxed. One was that IRS is pretty well going to make its own determination as to how it handles the church-related organization taxation question. The second was that this is a frightening thing, for IRS does not understand the church, particularly those churches that are congregational in government such as Southern Baptists.

To a great extent, it seems, people who work with tax regulations are from sections of the nation where Southern Baptists are not as strong as they are here; and they are accustomed to churches that have somewhat a more hierarchical government. They also are not accustomed to churches that are as determined to maintain their freedom from being entangled with governmental alliances and are as determined to remain free to speak to the nation's needs as are we.

An IRS official, Alvin D. Lurie, the assistant commissioner for employee plans and exempt organizations, sought to give an indication as to how the tax agency comes to conclusions on to whom a church-related organization is answerable.

He declared that any church-related organization that has a counterpart in the secular field and that draws a large part of its support from the residents of the area is as answerable to the residents as it is to its own governmental body.

Now this should frighten all of us. That would describe a hospital. We have a very fine hospital that is doing a marvelous job in its healing ministry, but a great deal of its effectiveness is due to the fact that it is a Baptist-related organization. Baptists cannot afford to have any of their institutions with portions of their boards of directors elected by other than the conventions with which they are affiliated.

The discussion of this matter, of course, could last until the end of time. Another question not discussed at the conference could go on every bit as long. This would be whether or not a church-related organization should accept money from the public treasury at all; and if it did so, could it expect to be free.

### Immediate Answer

One would think that the immediate answer would be that a church-related organization should not accept money from federal tax revenues both be-

cause they are tax free and because they shouldn't accept support from people of other faiths. But many of them do, and many of those that do are Baptist. They invariably find there is a loss of freedom to some degree, as witness the Baptist college in South Carolina that borrowed from the government to build every structure on its campus and then found it could not teach the Bible from a Baptist viewpoint in any one of them.

Another question that did raise its head at the conference was whether or not indeed a church-related organization that enjoys freedom from taxation is receiving a governmental subsidy because of this situation? And continuing, if a church or church organization is free of taxation, is it free to seek to influence legislation, to what extent might it do so?

Baptists feel they have clear-cut answers to most of the questions raised at the conference. The problem lies in that many of the policies will be and have been established without anyone having asked Southern Baptists what the answers are. And the U. S. tax situation at this time seems to be pretty much a hodge-podge that is not understood by anybody.

The conference did not provide any definite answers. It did serve to warn all of us that we can be destroyed by taxes or by the enforcement or by the control that goes with their use if the situation gets out of hand, thus we have no alternative but to maintain a continual vigilance.

The biggest problem we face is discouragement. The situation is so confusing that the immediate reaction is to throw up the hands. This is to be defeated, however, and we must not.

The government's being able to define an integrated auxiliary of the church and to require those that are not integrated to submit tax forms, even though they are not taxed, is not too far removed from the requirement of the Russian government that churches be officially registered with the government.

bers show up for Sunday School this Sunday and bring their children, we will surpass the goal in Mississippi.

It shouldn't be difficult. We will all get an extra hour the night before, for it is the night to move the clocks back to standard time.

In spite of the fact that the goal of 225,000 represents less than half of the Baptists in Mississippi, if it is reached on Sunday it will establish a new record for statewide total Sunday School attendance. Surely this deserves a little extra effort on the part of us all.

First Baptist Church of Jackson hopes to have 1 per cent of the total goal present and has established a church goal of 2,250. This will be a new record for the church. The writer's church has a goal of 200, and this also will be a new record. It doesn't make any difference what size the church. The people who are members need to be in attendance. Sunday School is a valuable time of Bible study that should be a regular habit of the entire membership. Being in attendance this Sunday is a good way to get this habit started if it is not already established.

### High Attendance Day . . .

## 225,000 In Sunday School

All across the Southern Baptist Convention Oct. 30 is going to be High Attendance Day in Sunday School. This is an annual emphasis for something that should be going on the year around.

In Mississippi the High Attendance Day Goal is 225,000. That figure represents fewer than half of the resident members of Mississippi Baptist churches to say nothing of the many children who are Sunday School members who have not yet joined churches. Thus if only half of the resident mem-

### As Bad As "Soap" . . .

## Station Skips NBC Show

In all of the hubbub that has taken place over the showing of "Soap" on television — and this writer claims there has not been too much — one fact has gone by unnoticed because, very

largely no one was aware of the situation.

NBC has a show on Saturday night called, if memory serves correctly, Saturday Night on NBC. It does not come on until late in the evening, but it would have to be compared with "Soap" in its sordid nature and in fact might even be worse.

Little has been said about it in this area, and because of this a vote of thanks is due a television station. The NBC affiliate in Jackson, WLBT, does not carry the show.

The writer has seen it once or twice while visiting out of state, and it is awful. Like "Soap," it is not a good show; and like "Soap," it is not fit to have in

the house.

At this time the show is conducting a nationwide contest to find a guest master of ceremonies for a Christmas program. The Jackson morning newspaper recently noted this contest so that Jackson residents might be aware of it and enter if they desired to do so. The WLBT manager was asked what he would do if a Jackson resident were selected as the guest MC. His reply was that he would have to consider running that one show.

This writing is an effort to express a word of appreciation to WLBT for its decision not to air that show to our area.

## On The Moral Scene

**ALCOHOL AND PRE-TEENS** — A can of beer now and then, or a glass of wine with meals has been thought by some parents to be the appropriate beginning for teaching children how to drink responsibly. Dr. William Altemeier has a word of advice for those well-meaning parents. "Don't!" Dr. Altemeier, director of pediatrics ser-

vice at General Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, has warned that possible irreversible brain damage can result from even a small amount of alcohol consumed by pre-teen children. Altemeier said alcohol is a drug and should be handled as a poison around the young. (Monday Morning Report, May 16, 1977)

## Book Reviews

**AN OUTLINED STUDY OF EXODUS** by L. E. Green; duplicated copies available from the author; L. E. Green 4507 Fort Street, Pascagoula, Miss. 39567; 31 pages, single spaced; by mail, \$2 per copy; purchased at the Mississippi Baptist Convention directly, \$1 per copy.

The author begins his introduction by explaining that Exodus can only be the result of "the miracle of God's revelation of truth and its being written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."

He establishes his reasons for believing Moses to be the author rather than accepting a "compilation theory" and then discusses the name of the book, the date it was written, and the historical background. Green then provides the outline of the study before beginning the expansion of the outline on Page 5.

The major points of the outline are The Providences of God in Egypt, The Supremacy of God in the Plagues, The Preservation of God in the Wilderness, The Revelations of God in the Covenant, The Provisions of God in a Place of Worship, The Problem of God in the Sins of Israel, and The Purpose of God in Providential Fulfillment. Each of the points is carefully and exhaustively expanded. The final page is a sizeable list of books used in the preparation of the outline.

This outline should be of particular value to anyone planning to conduct a study of the Book of Exodus for January Bible study and indeed for those who plan to participate in such study though not leading it. In fact, it would be a valuable asset to anyone who would use it. — DTM

## Letters to the Editor

### Music-Education Minister

Dear Sir:

Would you please assist our church in filling a vacancy on our staff. Faith Baptist Church, of Kaiserslautern, West Germany is searching for a person to fill the position of Minister of Music and Education. Our church is the only English-language Southern Baptist Church in a community of over 100,000 American military persons.

Our Sunday School enrollment is approximately 700 with an average attendance of over 400. We have 400 resident members and our annual budget is \$125,000.

Interested persons should respond by sending a resume and a family snapshot to the chairman of our Search Committee:

MSGT. James Ross  
PSC Box 171  
APO N.Y. 09009

Thank you very much for your help and consideration.

Robert C. Ferguson, Pastor  
Faith Baptist Church  
Kaiserslautern, West Germany

### The TV Fight . . .

By Harry N. Hollis, Jr.

Throughout the entire SOAP affair, the American Broadcasting Company has been dishonest with the American people. They promised SOAP would be a morality play; instead, they are broadcasting an immorality play. They promised that they would clean up SOAP; instead, they are airing a sorry show which reeks with moral pollution. According to the manager of an affiliate station, ABC sent out an erroneous sponsor list on the day before SOAP was first to be shown. To maintain the illusion of SOAP's success, ABC has given at least one sponsor, Anacin, an advertising spot for which Anacin "did not have to pay one penny," to quote an executive of the advertising agency that handled Anacin's spot on SOAP.

How much deception will ABC practice in order to try to maintain its ratings and its fantastic profits?

ABC-TV is counting on our apathy to get away with its immoral television programming. Of course, there are many other immoral shows on television but this should not deter us from fighting SOAP because SOAP has become a symbol. It is a symbol of the industry's determination to reject the public's wishes; and it is a symbol of the churches' determination not to allow a few people in the industry to continue to undermine our most precious values and ideals. If SOAP dies, the war will not be won; but our message to the networks will be clear: The American people do not want "entertainment" based on sexual immorality any more than we want "entertainment" based on violence.

What can we now do to send SOAP to an early grave? (1) Call the local ABC-TV affiliates and protest their showing of SOAP's immorality unless the affiliate in your area has already joined the numerous affiliates who have rejected this trash. In that case, call the station to thank them. Since many stations are releasing to the press the number of phone calls they receive for and against SOAP, calling is important. (2) Follow up your call to the local ABC-TV affiliate with a letter to the manager expressing your opposition. Stations are required to keep these letters as well as a record of the calls. (3) Write the sponsors. One executive of a company that advertised on SOAP told the Christian Life Commission, "We are going to count our letters to see how the people feel." Recent sponsors have been the following:

American Honda Motor Company, 100 West Alondra, Gardena, CA 90247; Bill Pulskamp, Advertising Manager; Bic Pen Corporation, Wiley Street, Milford, CT 06460. R. P. Adler, President; British Leyland Motors, 600 Willow Tree Road, Leonia, NJ 07605. G. W. Whitehead, President; International Playtex Corporation, 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019. Joel Smilow, President; Preference By L'Oreal, Cosmar, Inc., 530 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036. Jean Caste, President; Presto Fry Baby, Presto Industries, Eau Claire, WI 54701. LaVerne Soper, President; Arista Records, Inc., ("You Light Up My Life"), 6 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, (212) 489-7400;

Johnston's Pie Company, (Johnston's Pie Crust), 4201 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90807, (Division of Ward Foods, Inc., 1000 Skokie Boulevard, Wilmette, IL 60091, Chairman — William Howlett, President — W. L. McNitt, (312) 256-5600;

Lanvin - Charles Of the Ritz, (Rive Gauche Perfume), 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, T. Kirk Parrish, President, (212) 489-4500; Del Laboratories, (Sally Hansen Hard-As-Nails), 565 Broadhollow Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735, Chairman — Martin Revson; President — Dan K. Wassong, (516) 283-7070.

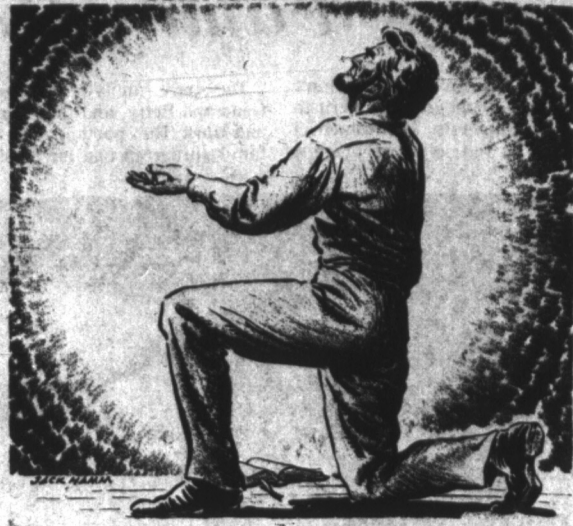
Warner Communications, Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019, Chairman — Steven J. Ross, (212) 484-8000.

The American people who allow ABC-TV to use the public airwaves deserve better treatment. The people deserve honesty, not misleading propaganda. The people have a right to expect creativity, not immorality. The people want responsibility from ABC so that the freedoms of the First Amendment which make our society work will not be jeopardized by unbridled license.

The television industry seems to be throwing its fantastic financial strength into the struggle to break the back of the moral protests of the churches. We shall not grow weary in well doing.

Harry N. Hollis, Jr. is director of family and special moral concerns for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Observation Still True?



"INTOXICATED WITH UNBROKEN SUCCESS, WE HAVE BECOME TOO SELF-SUFFICIENT TO FEEL THE NECESSITY OF REDEEMING AND PRESERVING GRACE, TOO PROUD TO PRAY TO THE GOD THAT MADE US."  
— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

I saw Mrs. Russell Bush, Jr. of Columbia and Wayne Todd of Nashville in Hattiesburg Friday at the sixth annual Mississippi Baptist Library Organization Workshop. I have known and admired both of them for quite a few years.

In the 1960's, when Frances Bush and I were writing Church Training lessons for a children's quarterly, we flew several times together to Nashville. During the 15 years I was a member of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, I kept hearing good things about Wayne Todd, who had formerly been pastor there. In his letters and in person he proved to be just as nice as they said he was.

Todd, a Mississippian who has been secretary of Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, since 1959, will retire next year. The Mississippi Baptist Library Organization, invited him to be the speaker for a banquet Friday night, Oct. 21, at First Church, Hattiesburg, and presented to him a plaque of appreciation.

Frances Bush, state president of the library organization, introduced him. I thought that those of you who loved Dr. Todd would like to hear what she said. In part, here it is:

"Under his leadership the church library has become the church media center. Invaluable and immeasurable is the impact of his leadership on the ministry of librarians and leaders convention-wide. Because of his ability to couple his words with actions and to impart knowledge gained through his own experiences, he is a gifted teacher."

"Now for some of the heretofore unpublished facts about Dr. Todd. He is Mr. Original Junk Dealer. I'm told that Dr. Todd may drive out of his way to visit Sebastopol's junk square on any given visit to Mississippi — or he may take home any interesting piece of junk from any trash pile on the side of any street in any town and it will end up in the Todds' basement, perhaps never to be seen again! Even while on a relaxing stroll at Glorieta or Ridge

Crest, where all minds are centered on higher planes, Dr. Todd brings home a piece of junk. For your information, his associates actually call it junk, and cannot dignify his collectables in any other way. Should you need to know where any junk shop is in any southeastern state, Dr. Todd can give directions and a rundown on what junk (or antiques, as he insists to call his junk) is available.

"On the other side of the coin, Dr. Todd is a person of immaculate dress. Everything must be just right — or he'll be "gym-switched!" He is pernickery (and if you think I said that wrong, just ask Dr. Todd or Mr. Webster for clarification). He is pernickery in his dress. With the advent of weightwatchers and the ups and downs of the devotee, Dr. Todd has made a beaten path to the alteration shop down the street from the Board in Nashville.

"So personable is Dr. Todd that when he talks to you, he looks you right in the eye — even if he's driving and must turn around in the car to eyeball you on the back seat. That is, he looks at you when he's not watching for junk piles on the side of the road."

"Is it any wonder that Dr. Wayne Todd has endeared himself to everyone who knows him — and especially to Mississippi church librarians? It is with a deep sense of gratitude for this man of God, who has invested his life in people values that we say thank you to Dr. Todd on this occasion."

In turn, Dr. Todd said thank you to some old friends of his who were at the banquet. Miss Trueman Beard; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones. He said that these people had had an immeasurable influence on his own life. Miss Beard was his sixth grade teacher. Mr. White was chairman of the pulpit committee when Todd went to 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, as pastor. Jones was Todd's first employer — when Jones was a barber in Platte, Miss., and Todd was his shoeshine boy!

## They Plan To Return

# Mississippians Unearth Timnah

By Anne McWilliams

Barbara Parks of Clinton dug up a skeleton this summer, the only bones found during an archaeological expedition in Israel. The bluish color of the bones of an Iron Age man indicated that he died in a fire.

Six people can live in one small room for seven weeks, but it takes cooperation. Dean Parks found that out this summer in Israel. He and his wife, Barbara, Charles and Nancy Davis, David Parks, 6, and Dana Davis, 6, shared a room at the Baptist camp at Petah-Tiqva, with bath on hall. Fourteen-year-old Peggy Parks lived in another section of the camp.

Parks, assistant professor of chemistry, and Davis, assistant professor of religion at Mississippi College, with their wives and children were part of an archaeological team. They helped to begin the dig in what is to be a six-year project at the ancient city of Timnah where Samson found a wife and killed a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass.

New Orleans Seminary is sponsor of the project, with assistance from Mississippi College, Louisiana College, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. George Kelm, professor of Biblical introduction and archaeology at New Orleans Seminary, was the expedition director.

The excavations this summer revealed remains of buildings, ovens, pottery, bronze arrow heads, a bronze chisel, stone implements, and Canaanite and Philistine signature seals. The main gate of Timnah was found on the eastern slope of the six-acre tel.

Actually Barbara located a skeleton and a half, at the excavation level of the 13th century B.C., but the half was under a wall. Since the dig on other side of the wall was to be delayed until next summer, she covered that half over again with dirt.

The chemistry lab at Mississippi College is being used for the testing of soil samples from Timnah. Parks and Gary Mason, a senior chemistry major at MC, are analyzing the samples, expecting to begin digging anew. Also their tests will help date some finds already made. Gary, who also spent the summer in Israel, and Parks gathered and labeled soil samples and shipped them to Clinton.

Tools Barbara used for finding her skeletons were a pick, a tool like a short-handled hoe, a trowel, a hand pick, and brushes. "You brush when you need to remove just a little dirt," she said.

All the diggers' finds were put in plastic buckets. Each bucket was given a label telling exactly where its contents came from. (The sections of the tel were numbered.)

"What I disliked most was getting up early," Dean Parks admitted. "We were up at 2:45 a.m., eating breakfast at 3, leaving at 3:30, riding a bus for 45 minutes, and beginning work before the sun came up." They did this to avoid the heat of the day (sometimes 104). They quit about 11:30 and returned to camp. Afternoons were often spent washing or labelling finds.

"The food was okay," the chemistry professor said, "but just not very exciting — vegetables, fruits such as plums or watermelons, lots and lots of peanut butter — little meat." He added that orange orchards grow on the Baptist farm at Petah-Tiqva.

Both old and young joined the expedition. Mrs. Mattie Ogle of Hazlehurst, 70, was the oldest. David Parks, 6, was the youngest. (David, Dana, and Peggy were the only "kids" on the team.) David dug a little and found some pottery, but he preferred to stay at camp. "I liked the swimming pool," he said. He liked playing with the Arab children and with the missionaries' children who came to summer camp at Petah-Tiqva. His mother heard him talking to the Arab children one day and asked, "How do you know what to

say to them?" and he answered, "I just talk the way I always talk." That was in English, but he did learn to say shalom for hello and dah for thank you.

A summer missionary the Parks met at Petah-Tiqva was John Stanley of Braxton.

The Parks and Davises, members of First Church, Clinton, visited Rome and Athens to see what had been found in other excavations. In Israel, they visited other tels before they began work at Timnah. Enroute to the Near East, they listened to lectures on ancient cultures.

Their expedition director, George Kelm, explained the reason for this project (he was quoted in a Baptist Press news story by Jonathan Pederesen):

"Simply finding a piece of pottery, a stone idol or burial site is not enough reason for digging into an historic site. We're concerned with the interpretative aspects important in drawing inferences to help understand the facts and background of Biblical accounts.

"One may believe in the validity of

Biblical texts by faith from reading the account in the Bible, but when you uncover the remnants of a civilization which existed when Abraham did, or was the hometown of a Bible character, you're put in touch with history itself."

Professor Parks said, "Many of the finds of the excavations, after publication of them has been made, will be given to school and seminary museums, and that will include Mississippi College." He hopes to go again next year.

Anyone interested in going with him should contact Dr. Dean Parks at Mississippi College, Clinton; he will send information about dates and costs as soon as it is available. College or seminary credit will be offered, and the time of stay could be cut to three weeks for those who wish.

Teen-ager Peggy Parks worked just as hard as the adults, her fellow workers testified. "I don't want to be an archaeologist," she said, "but I do want to go back next summer."



First day of excavation at the Timnah (tel Batash) excavation site, pictured left to right are: Harrison Pike, missionary to South Africa; C. Dean Parks, chemistry professor at Mississippi College; Linda Kelm, wife of expedition director, George Kelm; Charles Egedy, professor at St. Bernard Community College.



David, Peggy, Dean and Barbara Parks, back home in Clinton, examine a fragment of pottery one of them dug up on the site of ancient Timnah.

## They Believe In Sunday School!

Thirty years of perfect Sunday School attendance was the occasion to honor Mrs. John Whitley by the Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Pearl.

"It's a family affair," said Malcolm M. Leach, pastor, who pointed out that three generations of

Whitleys totaled 118 years of perfect attendance: son John, Jr., 37 years; daughter-in-law Rose, 15 years; granddaughter Michelle, 15 years; and two grandsons with 13 and 8 years each.

## Carey Alumni To Breakfast In Jackson

Alumni of William Carey College who will be attending the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson are to be entertained at a complimentary breakfast.

According to an announcement from the Alumni Office of the college, breakfast will be served alumni and their spouses at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16, in the ground floor dining room of First Church.

"This is an annual occasion to which we look forward each year," commented Dwight Trippie, alumni president.

Alumni are requested to write or phone the Alumni Office in Hattiesburg if they will be attending the breakfast.

## Church Librarians Honor Wayne Todd

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plaque to Todd during the Friday evening banquet. The plaque from the Mississippi Baptist Library Organization was given in appreciation to Todd for his accomplishments in the area of library service.

The Sunday School Department sponsored the workshop which was directed by Larry Salter, consultant.

Mrs. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia, president of the library organization, introduced Todd, who was speaker at the banquet.

Todd introduced some special Hattiesburg guests and thanked them publicly for the untold influence he said they have had on his life. These were Trueman Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones. Beard was his sixth grade teacher. White was the chairman of the pulpit committee when Todd became pastor of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg. Jones owned a barber shop in Plave when Todd found his first employment in that shop as a shoeshine boy.

Harry and Debbie Mercer sang, accompanied on the piano by Martha

McJunkins, all of Hattiesburg. Other conference leaders from Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board were Keith Mee and James Rose.

Additional program personnel included Farrell Blankenship, minister of education, First, Hattiesburg; Young Lee, librarian, William Carey College; Mrs. Edwin Lewis, librarian, First, Jackson; Bobby Sanford, principal, Franklin Academy Elementary School, Columbus; Mrs. Howard Walker, Baptist Book Store, Jackson; and Brooks Wester, pastor, First, Hattiesburg.

Officers elected for next year are Mrs. Robert Lewis, Columbus, president; Mrs. Milton Robertson, Cleveland, vice president; Mrs. Toxie Givens, Jr., Hazlehurst, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Jackson, program chairman; Mrs. C. H. Wood, Louisville, publicity chairman; Mrs. Julius Jones, Mendenhall, historian; Mrs. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia, and Bryant Cummings, Jackson, ex officio.

Next year's workshop will be at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

## Pike Cites WAPF-WCCA-FM

The Pike Baptist Association presented Phillip Brady a plaque during the first session of the association's 108th annual meeting. Making the presentation is Rev. David Millican, Moderator. Brady, owner and manager of radio station WAPF-WCCA-FM, was cited for his service to the residents of Pike County and the surrounding area by broadcasting the "Baptist Hour" for over 25 years.

Brady is an active member of First Church, McComb, where he is a deacon, and has been Sunday School director, department director and Sunday School teacher. His wife, Marilyn, is church organist.

The "Baptist Hour" is produced by the Radio and TV Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The speaker for the "Baptist Hour" is Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson. The "Baptist Hour" can be heard each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on WAPF-WCCA-FM.



David Millican, left, presented a plaque from Pike County Baptists to Phillip Brady, right, radio station manager and owner.



New officers elected Oct. 22 for the Mississippi Baptist Library Organization are, front row, left to right: Mrs. Robert Lewis, Columbus, president; Mrs. Milton Robertson, Cleveland, vice-president; Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Jackson, program chairman; back row, left to right: Mrs. C. H. Wood, Louisville, publicity chairman; Mrs. Julius Jones, Mendenhall, historian; and Mrs. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia, ex officio, the 1977 president. Mrs. Toxie Givens, Jr., Hazlehurst, secretary-treasurer, and Bryant Cummings, Jackson, ex officio, were not present for the Saturday morning session, when the photograph was made.



Wayne Todd, secretary, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, led the conference on library ministries and book selection. Because of his scheduled retirement next year, this was to be the last state library workshop Todd would conduct in the convention.



Looking over the program at the Library Organization Workshop is Patricia Sanford, the youngest person present. With her at the registration book are Hatty May Johnson, one of the librarians at First, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Howard Walker, Baptist Book Store, Jackson; and her mother, Nell Green Sanford, former BSU director. The baby's father, Bobby Sanford, principal, Franklin Academy Elementary School, Columbus, was leading the conference on audio visuals.



## Broadmoor Ministers To Spanish Community

A Spanish pastor in the Sunday School classroom proclaimed: "Cree en el Senor Jesucristo, y seras salvo." (Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.) A teacher stood, sharing in her native Spanish language the joy as well as the responsibility of living the Christian life. All this was merely a part of the witness of the Spanish congregation of Broadmoor Church during the Spanish revival held October 6-9.

For weeks prior to the revival the Spanish group had met to pray and to go out visiting. During the days of the revival many phone calls and visits were made. God visibly blessed those efforts, as there was an increasing number of people in attendance in each revival service, culminating with 92 during the final service.

William Ferrell, missionary to Argentina for 25 years and present pastor of Sylvarena Church, was the evangelist, delivering the messages in the chapel of Broadmoor Church. His son, Curtis Ferrell, is assistant pastor and Spanish pastor at Broadmoor.

A record 48 adults crowded into the Spanish Sunday School Department that Sunday morning, and 92 were in attendance during the worship ser-

vice. Many of those present were first-time visitors, some coming from as far away as 40 miles to be able to worship in their native language. Several in attendance have sought out the pastor to inquire further concerning the way of becoming a Christian.

There is a growing Spanish community in the Jackson area with the number currently reaching approximately 1,500. Broadmoor Church continues to reach out and minister to them.

David Grant is pastor at Broadmoor.

"I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart" (Psalm 101:2). Do we always behave ourselves? The Bible says, "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." Do we believe that because we're in the privacy of our homes we can do as we please? Are we kind and considerate of our home folks, and do we treat them with the respect and dignity that we do others? Let us behave ourselves wisely and walk within our homes with a perfect heart. — Lena Scott Price.



Keith Mee, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, assists librarians with book selection. Mee led a conference in library promotion at the workshop in Hattiesburg.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Hilda M. Morgan of Bethel Church, Rt. 5, Liberty, has not missed reading her Bible each day in over 30 years. She began this practice Sept. 20, 1947. She is 51, the wife of Robert L. Morgan and the mother of two sons, Lewis and Melvin, and grandmother of Christopher, who is one. She has served as secretary of Church Training for a number of years.

Hugh Martin from Emmanuel Church, Greenville, was speaker for the WMU and Brotherhood banquet held at Riverport Church, Greenville, on Oct. 14. He showed slides on the Philippines. This served as background for someone who was to speak at the church a couple of weeks later — Bob Simmons, missionary to the Philippines. Around 35 or 40 attended the banquet. M. E. Perry is pastor.



Central Church, Brookhaven, ordained Larry Welborn, right, and Randy Porter, left, as deacons Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m. H. Glen Schilling is pastor and Mike Grim, minister of music and youth.

H. E. (Buddy) Shook has been treasurer for 35 years and Spencer Hall has been church clerk for 24 years at Paynes Church. The chairman of deacons, Clinton Cole, presented plaques to both of them on Sunday, Oct. 16, in appreciation from the church.

The funeral for Mrs. Elsie Burt, 78, of Route 7, Meridian, was held Oct. 12 at Carmel Church, where she was a charter member. She was widow of the late John Burt, Sr., one of the first deacons of Carmel. Her son-in-law, W. A. Troutman, is pastor of Good Hope Church, Louisville. Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Troutman, Mrs. Evola Smith and Mrs. Gladys Evans; four sons, Johnnie N. Burt, Jr., H. L. Burt, Edward E. Burt, and A. L. Burt; 22 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers.

Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, ordained Lloyd Montgomery, Jr., and Lamar Jackson as deacons, Oct. 10. James E. Scirra is pastor.

Big Creek Church (Wayne) presented eight members with certificates and pins for perfect attendance for the past year in Sunday School: Sharon McCarty, elder youth; Towanda McLelland, young adult women; Walton Mills, median adult men; James Mills and Luther Davis, senior adult men; Greg Mills, youth; Mark McLelland, preschool; and Stephanie McLelland, children.

Norman Jameson, 25, religion editor and reporter for the Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, has been elected feature editor for Baptist Press news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. Jameson, a native of Rio, Wis., will join the staff, Nov. 1. He succeeds James Lee Young, who resigned in June to become editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist and public relations director for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver. (BP) Photo

Birdie Robinson who lives in a convalescent home in Greenville, was guest speaker at Riverport Church, Greenville, on Sunday, Oct. 23. Robinson, who has been blind since she was a year old, sang and gave her testimony. On her birthday, Oct. 22, she was 76. M. E. Perry is the Riverport pastor.

The Mississippi College Division of Religion will present William L. Hendricks, professor of theology at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, during The Staley Distinguished Scholar Series, November 7-9, on the Mississippi College campus. Hendricks will deliver a lecture entitled "A Full Moon — the Rise and Development of the Unification Church." He will speak on Mon., Nov. 7, and Wed., Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Nelson Hall Auditorium. Hendricks will also speak on Tuesday, November 8 in some Bible classes and at an informal meeting with the college faculty.

George R. Borders, vice president for student affairs at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., has been elected president of Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach.

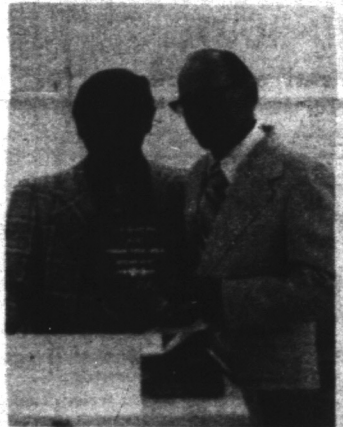
## Missionaries On Furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Nicaragua, 208 East Main St., Clinton; Bill and Terry Peacock, Korea, 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson; Tom and Hazel Barron, Indonesia, 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia; Bob and Flora Holifield, Italy, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson;

Shirley Jackson, Brazil, 4 Elm St., Natchez; Cornelia Leavell, Hong Kong, 208 S. Washington St., Starkville; Penrose and Jessie St. Amant, Switzerland, Rt. 3, Box 239, Pass Christian; Major and June McDaniel, Korea, 818 Main St., Natchez; John and Kathy McNair, Spain, First Baptist Church, Brandon; Jerry and Carol Simon, Taiwan, 653 Ferncliff Dr., Jackson; Dot Lott, Brazil, 606 Graymont Ave., Hattiesburg; Bob and Mary Simmons, Philippines, 715 East Northside Dr., Jackson; Jimmy and Charlotte Watts, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg.

John and Elizabeth Merritt will be arriving in Mississippi from Germany in November.



Al Green, left, is pastor of the newly constituted Cambridge Church, Jackson Association. C. D. Faggard, right, was chairman of the Mission Committee. The first unit of the building is to be named for him.

## Cambridge Church Is Constituted

The Cambridge Square Baptist Mission of Gautier was constituted into the Cambridge Baptist Church on Sept. 25. The mission was organized on September 30, 1973, by First Church of Moss Point, Bobby Perry, pastor.

The first action of the newly constituted church was to call Al Green as pastor. Green had served since 1974, as mission pastor.

The church also proclaimed their present building as the C. D. Faggard Wing of the Cambridge Church. This was done in appreciation of Faggard, chairman of the mission committee of the mother church, for his witness and four years of loyal service.

## 101 From State Enroll At Southwestern

FT. WORTH, Tex. — A record setting student enrollment of 3,475, including 101 students from Mississippi, has added to a 12-year trend of increasing enrollments at Southwestern Seminary here. The final count includes 857 new students.

This year's enrollment is an 8½ percent increase over last year. According to director of admissions, L. L. Collins, Southwestern Seminary has experienced a record high enrollment every fall semester since 1966.

A breakdown of the enrollment figures reveals students have come from 24 foreign countries and 45 states.



## East Fork Excels In Training

Church Training members of East Fork Church, Smithdale, have attained Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Pictured are the Church Training leaders. Left to right, Clay Campbell, youth; Mrs. Bessie Cleveland, preschool; Margaret Turner, Bible drill director; Faye Cockerham, Bible drill leader; Wayne Berry, pastor; Mrs. Johnnie McKnight, preschool; Mrs. Eva Burris, Church Training director; and John Campbell, children's leader.

## Boyce Bible Classes For Deaf Are Considered

LOUISVILLE (BP) — As more and more Baptists become interested in ministering to the deaf, the question is being raised, "What about deaf people who want to minister?"

"Southern Baptists have the largest deaf work anywhere, and some of these deaf people are going to feel called into the ministry. But there's no place at this point for them to get any sort of training beyond college," said Carl Enoch, minister to the deaf at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church and instructor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Boyce Bible School here.

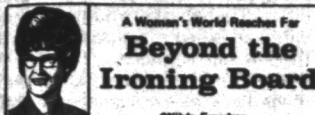
Only two Baptist colleges have developed classes specifically for the deaf, Enoch pointed out — Dallas (Tex.) Baptist College, and Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. No Baptist seminary or Bible school offers classes for deaf students, he said.

However, representatives of Boyce Bible School and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have begun discussing the possibility of establishing classes for the deaf at Boyce in the

future. The Home Mission Board works with the deaf as part of its language ministry, since sign language is usually a deaf person's first language and English is his second.

The tremendous interest at Southern Seminary among hearing students for a deaf ministry sparked the initial consideration of this possibility between Enoch and Arthur Walker, director of the seminary's Ministry Training Center. They were astonished when over 70 students, primarily seminary student wives, enrolled in the Bible school's sign language course, a 50 percent increase in enrollment over the year before and a 150 percent increase above the first year's enrollment.

The need for individuals to communicate with the deaf is great, Enoch pointed out, since about two million Americans, an average of two out of every 1,000 individuals, are totally deaf. Another 11 million are partially deaf. Presently about 400 deaf ministries exist across the Southern Baptist Convention, he said.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Seems like time speeds itself up a bit every week or so. Are you as surprised as I am that Christmas is only a few days less than two months away?

And yet, it often seems just yesterday that an experience or feeling of childhood took place.

From somewhere back in the storehouse of my memories there came, last week, a replay of joys I had as a child, with aunts and uncles and cousins, and the warmth I can still call to heart because of them; and then thinking how our mobile, scattered, everybody-in-the-family-has-to-work society is now losing for so many youngsters the joys of family closeness, I hoped our boys can live close enough to each other that visiting back and forth can be often and happy.

In the conversation that opened the floodgate of memories, the subject of fried chicken came up. I remembered that my mother always ate the backs. She said she liked the backs, but I was sure, because it was in keeping with the way she usually treated us, that she ate them because all of us kids preferred the white meat and meaty pieces. I'm still sure that was the reason she started eating the backs.

However, it came as a delightful revelation to me when our boys got big enough for us to need to stretch chickens that the backs really are delicious. Must be that magic ingredient, love.

Besides, it made me feel better to know that Mother's chicken backs had tasted good, after all. A vague, slight, nagging guilt of selfishness that I'd felt intermittently during childhood and adolescence was eased. And a bit of the mystery of being an adult was cleared. Love sort of changes sacrifice to privilege.

## Immanuel To Present New Hope Singers

The New Hope Singers, often called the Lettermen of Gospel Music, will be presented at 9 p.m. at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, on Tuesday, November 1. According to minister of music, Roger Phillips, the concert will be a fitting climax to William Carey College's Bold Mission Day activities which will begin at 2:30 that same afternoon.

The New Hope participants include three vocalists, four in the rhythm section and one in brass.

There will be no admission charge and the public is invited. The New Hope Singers are a branch of the Continental Singers out of Los Angeles.

## Festivities Mark Pastor's 10th Year

Tenth Anniversary Week was observed last week at First Church, Hattiesburg, in honor of their pastor, Brooks H. Wester. Wester and his family moved to Hattiesburg in 1967.

Moran M. Pope, Jr., Chairman of the Pulpit Committee when Wester came to be pastor, was Chairman of the Tenth Anniversary Week Committee.

Among the special events were a dinner in Wester's honor given by the members of the Deacons and Finance Committee who have served with him during the past ten years.

Sunday, October 23, was designated Tenth Anniversary Sunday and featured during the morning worship service the same order of worship as Wester's first Sunday in 1967. It also featured the "Presentation of Dr. Brooks H. Wester, Pastor" by Moran M. Pope, Jr. Wester was asked to preach the sermon entitled "The Risen Lord and His Church" (Mark 16:9-20).

A reception was held to honor Dr. and Mrs. Wester on October 23, at 5:15 p.m. at the church.

## Mississippians Honored At Golden Gate Complex

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. — In a special ceremony, the students and faculty of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary dedicated a new \$518,000 student housing complex and memorialized four Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board leaders by affixing their names to it. Two of these leaders were Mississippians.

The complex, named Tichenor Village, increases Golden Gate's on-campus student housing capacity by 24 apartments. It is arranged in three residence halls, named after the late B. D. Gray, J. B. Lawrence and Courts Redford. The entire complex was named after the late Isaac Taylor Tichenor.

The dedication, a part of the Seminary's annual Founders' Day activities, was held at the Village site following an address by Dr. E. W. Hunke, Jr., western regional coordinator for the Home Mission Board, an Atlanta, Ga. — based organization.

The Founders' Day event dealt with the "good" relationship that Golden Gate Seminary and the Home Mission Board has shared throughout the years.

Tichenor, born in 1825 in Kentucky, served as corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board from 1882-1899, post-war era when critical budget problems, national disunity and lack of communication caused serious problems. He is credited with reorganizing the Board into an effective unit and laying much of the groundwork for growth.

Tichenor became corresponding secretary following a term as the first president of Auburn University in Alabama. He died in 1902.

Gray, a native of Mississippi, served as the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board from 1903 to 1928. After pastoring several churches throughout the South, he became president of Georgetown College in Kentucky in 1901 before assuming his post with the Board. He died in 1946.

Lawrence, also born in Mississippi in 1871, began a career as the secretary of missions for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He later served as president of Oklahoma Baptist University and corresponding secretary for the Baptist State Convention Board of Mississippi. In 1929, he became the executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, serving 25 years before retiring. He died in 1963.

Redford, born in 1898, is a native of Missouri. After attending Southwest-

ern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., he was appointed stewardship and brotherhood secretary for the Missouri Baptist Convention. In 1930, he was named president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo. and 13 years later assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. In 1954, he became the executive secretary. He died in April, 1977.

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## Guard Your Lips

"He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction" (Proverbs 13:3). Many of us are apt to say things we're sorry for later. We should guard our lips against making snap judgments and saying words we may wish were unsaid. — Lena Scott Price.

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## Upon This Rock



## New Home (Smith) Builds

New Home Church, Smith Association, has completed the "Together We Build" program under direction of Clarence Cutrell of the Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. On Victory Sunday, Oct. 9, New Home Church went over the \$50,000 Hallelujah Goal with total pledges of \$52,675.

"IT WORKS!" says Billy Stringer, campaign director, expressing the overwhelming sentiment of the church.

Eddie Bryant, pastor, says, "This program works because it involves every member of the church. Before the five-week campaign was over we had given almost everyone a job to do. Enthusiasm began to catch on as the people worked toward the Building Banquet and Children's Party, a spiritual highlight of the building fund campaign. A total of 109 attended and advance pledges of \$21,500 were announced.

"The 'Together We Build' program works because it challenges the people to give sacrificially. Because of the program our church has received tremendous spiritual blessings. Our people are united in this great effort of building a new sanctuary. We feel that we are now on the threshold of growth in every area of our church life."

# POWERLINE

## A Straight Line to Teens

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### PRINCIPLES OF PARENTHOOD

Many young adults express confusion such as this career woman.

I am 26, single, have a very rewarding job in a metropolitan center. I enjoy my life, my friends, and especially my church. But my parents want me to move back with them. It's a small town which offers none of the opportunities I have here. They are healthy and have a pleasant life. But they say that when they are dead I'll regret all this and that I should get my values straight. They insist that the Bible says I should "honor my father and mother." Is that really what God wants from me?

We cannot tell anyone what to do, but we shared with her these insights.

When parents join in God's creative process, they should understand and cooperate with the principles implied there. They should not insist that children function only to please or comfort or provide them with fulfillment. Parents should free the child to become a competent individual capable of being her best self. Anything short of this contradicts God's high regard for the human personality. He created us with potential for achievement and purposeful lives. He gave us freedom to choose how and where to discover and express our unique talents.

To leave a fulfilling job and life-style and move back with parents for such ill-advised reasons would be settling for much less than you are or can become. You would dishonor your parents more by nullifying your own personality, development, and productivity. The surest way to regret such a decision would be to submit your own life as a pale shadow of parental frustrations.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

## Staff Changes



Troutman



Blakeney

First Church, Biloxi recently filled two staff vacancies. Peggy Troutman is the new preschool director and Jim Blakeney is minister of youth and recreation.

Troutman moved from the Immanuel Baptist Temple in Henderson, Kentucky where she had served for seven years. She is a graduate of Campbellsville College and the New Orleans Seminary.

Jim Blakeney joined the Biloxi staff from the First Church of Bossier City, Louisiana. He is a native of Hattiesburg, graduate of William Carey College, and New Orleans Theological Seminary. After having been named most valuable player at William Carey College, he played three years in the Oakland Athletics Professional Baseball organization.

## Southwestern Luncheon Is At Woodland Hills

The annual Southwestern Seminary state alumni meeting and luncheon will be held Nov. 16, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The place is Woodland Hills Church Fellowship Hall in Jackson, and the time is 12:30 noon.

J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor Church in Jackson and current state president of the Mississippi alumni, announces that the speaker will be Scott L. Tatum, Professor of Preaching at Southwestern Seminary.

Tatum, a Louisiana native, was for 24 years pastor at Broadmoor, Shreveport.

He is also a writer. His son is a Southwestern graduate, a missionary to the Middle East.

Special music for the program will be presented by the Notations of Broadmoor Church. Tickets for the banquet are \$3.00 each and may be obtained by writing to J. M. Wood, 787 E. Northside Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205. Please send a check and the number of tickets wanted by November 10.

## Lakeview To Mark 25th Anniversary

Lakeview Church, Leland members will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on Nov. 6. They will also celebrate the payment of the debt on their building.

Activities for the day will include a morning message by Grady Goodman, Fairfax, Ala., a former pastor; and an evening message by Herschel Wren, Hattiesburg, who was ordained to the ministry by Lakeview Church.

Lunch will be served at the church. The Southland Boys of Collins will present a program of Gospel Music from 2 until 4 p.m.

Charles Everitt is pastor.

Hixon Helton has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at First Church of Lake City, Florida. Helton goes to Lake City from the First Church of Quitman where he has served as minister of music and youth since 1973.

## Cole Resigns Editorship For Baylor Post

WACO, Tex. (BP) — James F. Cole, editor of the Baptist Message, Alexandria, La., for 20 years, has resigned effective December 1 to become executive director of the Baylor University Alumni Association here.

Mrs. Dorothy Kronzer of Houston, national president of the alumni association, said Cole will assume his new position January 1 as successor to Raymond L. Vickrey who will become minister to single adults at First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.

Cole was pastor of First Baptist Church, De Ridder, La., prior to assuming the editorship of the weekly Louisiana Baptist newspaper. Before that he was a Texas pastor.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth and did graduate study at Baylor and Columbia University. He holds a doctor of divinity from Louisiana College.

His wife, the former Helen Witten of Houston and daughter, Carolyn, now a social worker in Waco, are Baylor graduates.

Cole, immediate past president of the Baylor Alumni Assoc. and former president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, has served on various boards and agencies of the Louisiana Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The Baylor Alumni Association currently has about 40,000 members. Association offices are scheduled to be moved into the new \$500,000 Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center on the Waco, Tex., campus in February.

## Annuity Medical Rates Will Decrease

DALLAS, TX — No premium increases are planned through 1978 in the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's church medical insurance and church disability insurance plans.

Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, also says the Dallas-based agency's senior medical program will experience a premium decrease in 1978, dropped from monthly rates of \$15.98 a person to \$12.75.

These favorable rate forecasts stem from the fact that, since 1972, the Annuity Board and Aetna Life & Casualty, the underwriter, have enhanced applicant screening procedures.

The Annuity Board administers both retirement and insurance programs for Southern Baptist ministers and church and denominational employees.

A total of 8,026 persons participate in the Board's church medical insurance program. Church disability coverage goes to 5,026, while senior medical coverage protects 491. In the senior medical program, benefits benefits will be increased in 1978.

"At the present, when a person retires, his benefits are reduced," explained Don Floyd, director of the



## BMC Plans High School Week

Blue Mountain College is in preparation for its annual High School week-end program November 5-6, 1977 during which time hundreds of Mid-South high school students will be guests on the BMC campus. Coordinating the busy week-end for Blue Mountain are (standing, l-r) Charles Bryant, director of development; Cecil Byrd, director of admissions and Mrs. Jean Abel, admissions counselor; seated (l-r) students Joyce Hodges of Guntown; Vanita Robison of Tupelo; Anna Wright of Jackson; Beth Bowers of Boynton Beach, Fla.; Gina Floyd of Memphis; and freshman class sponsor Mrs. Charles Bryant.

## Glorieta Is Taking Staff Applications

GLORIETA, N. M. — Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is accepting applications for employment on the 1978 summer staff, according to staff coordinator Roy Wagner.

Wagner said that approximately 200 persons will be employed to serve the 30,000 guests who are expected during the 13-week summer season of conferences.

Applicants must be between 17 and 75 years of age and must be physically able to work at an elevation of 7,500 feet. Seventeen-year-olds who wish to apply must be high school graduates before the summer begins.

Positions are available in food services, day camp, preschool work, housekeeping, guest relations, transportation, registration, security, media center operations and auditorium and conference room operations.

Work schedules, according to Wagner, usually consist of a weekly

load of 40 hours and weekend or holiday shifts. The conference center offers an extensive program of activities for the staff, including various musical opportunities, Bible study, mission teams, drama and recreation. Special staff programs are planned each Friday night during the summer.

Information may be obtained by writing to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

## Holy Land Tour Offers College Credit

A nine-day tour of the Holy Land will be conducted during the Christmas recess by William W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College, with college credit being offered. Students in the area are invited to participate.

According to Stevens, the pilgrimage to the Holy Land will run from December 26 through January 3 and is being sponsored by Meier International Study League, Inc.

Students will receive three semester hours of academic credit for the trip by enrolling in Bible 440 at Mississippi College.

The tour group will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, Tel Aviv, Megiddo, Galilee, Tiberias, Nazareth, Haifa, Caesarea and other points of interest.

Special group seminars are planned with participants applying geography and biblical readings to relate spiritual truths to life today.

Stevens himself will provide special lectures throughout the tour.

Interested persons may contact Dr. Stevens by writing P. O. Box 12, Clinton, MS. 39056, or by calling 664-5901 or 664-5131, Ext. 218 for brochures and other information.

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## Enrollment Is Up At MC

Enrollment figures for the fall semester have been released at Mississippi College and according to Mrs. Nan Sibley, registrar, the figures showed a marked increase, especially in freshman enrollment.

Enrollment increased in every undergraduate class except the senior class. Freshman enrollment jumped over 16 percent from 351 in fall 1976 to 409 this year.

Enrollment figures for all graduate programs except law showed a total of 678. The law school enrolled 513.

Undergraduate figures for full-time equivalent (FTE) students showed a marked increase from 1536 in 1976 to 1601 in 1977.

Extension courses, under the office of continuing education, were up by over 10 percent over last year with 122 enrolled for credit courses.

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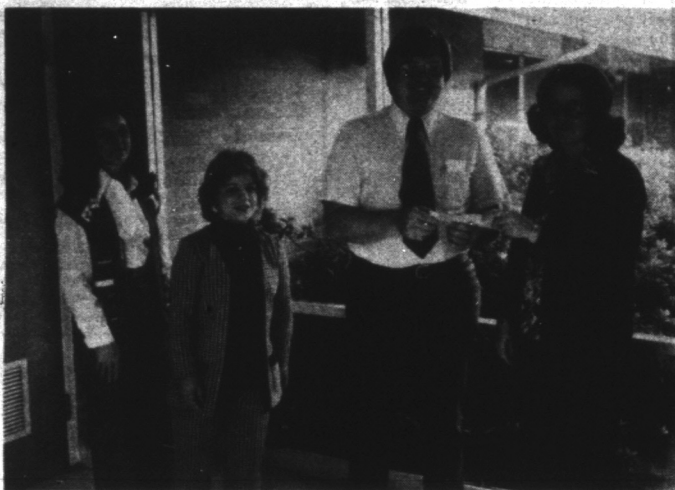
OAKLAND CHURCH, CORINTH, recently broke ground for a new multipurpose educational and fellowship hall facility. The building will consist of 26 Sunday School rooms upstairs (which doubles the Sunday School space). Downstairs will be a kitchen and fellowship hall. The church is also remodeling and relocating present office facilities. The cost is estimated at \$200,000. In the past three years the church has doubled in membership to 530. Financially, the church has come from a \$72,000 budget in 1975 to a total income for the 1977 church year of over \$170,000. Recently the church received a letter from the Home Mission Board stating that they were in the top 1 percent in the Southern Baptist Convention in growth rate.

Left to right above are deacons and pastor: Travis Little, chairman of deacons, Buddy Bain, Larry King, Claude Yager, Troy Wilson, Tommy Vinson, pastor, Charles Tobe, Truman Stockdale, Elmer Meeks, Herschel Null, David Dodd, Don Dickerson.

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will be having a Gala Halloween Carnival Sat., Oct. 29, from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. Herndon, activities director, said, "Ghosts, goblins, witches, and all sorts of characters will be roaming the Family Life Center in search of fun! You may go fishing, pick your poison, try the coffin room, duck for apples, throw darts, or go into space. This is food, fun, and fellowship for the whole family, and will benefit the youth on their trip to Glorieta, New Mexico, next summer." Herman Milner is the Van Winkle pastor.

First Church, Sumrall, in Lamar County, will observe their 50th anniversary in the present facility on Sunday, October 30. The building was constructed and dedicated in 1927. N. J. Lee, pastor of the church in 1927, now retired and living in Wiggins, will preach at both the 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. services. Lunch will be served at the church. Eddie Hamilton is the pastor.

The annual Harvest Day service for the Good Hope Church (Leake County) will be held Sunday, Oct. 30. The morning message will be delivered by Tommy Jones, pastor of the Harmony Church in Winston County, at 11 o'clock. Paul Jordan is pastor.

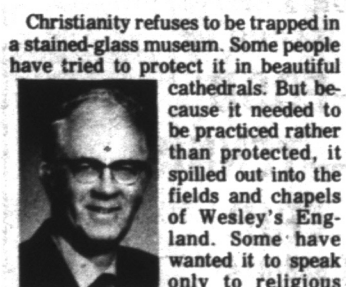


MEMBERS OF NEW PROSPECT CHURCH (LINCOLN) recently conducted a rummage sale for the purpose of quickening the interest in its area in the needs of the boys and girls at The Baptist Children's Village, by designating the proceeds of the sale to The Baptist Children's Village for use on its Jackson campus. Mrs. Janice Allen, Diane Tarver and Mrs. Glenda Smith accompanied the pastor, Ted Rushing, in delivering the check to The Village. According to Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of The Village, New Prospect Church has been a staunch and constant supporter of Christian child care through The Village for many years. L to R: Allen, Tarver, Henry Glaze, Village Home Life Director, who accepted the check; Smith.

### Sunday School Lesson: International For October 30

## Giving Your Best

By William J. Fallis  
Luke 12:35-48; James 5:1-4



Christianity refuses to be trapped in a stained-glass museum. Some people have tried to protect it in beautiful cathedrals. But because it needed to be practiced rather than protected, it spilled out into the fields and chapels of Wesley's England. Some have wanted it to speak only to religious needs and leave secular problems to be solved by scientists, businessmen, and politicians. But Christianity based on all of the New Testament emphasizes the integrity, love and faith which are desperately needed in our kind of world. Even this lesson is keyed to the second coming of Christ, but that expectation underscores patience, faithfulness, and concern for others. Real Christianity never gets so interested in itself that it forgets to evaluate and challenge believers.

#### The Lesson Explained Being Always Ready (Luke 12:35-48)

The purpose of this whole paragraph is not revealed until the latter half of verse 40: "For the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." That is the reason for being dressed for action and having the lamp burning (v. 35). Jesus compared his followers with the servants of a man who has been attending a marriage feast. Whenever he comes home, they must be ready to take care of his needs. Perhaps thinking of his own return, Jesus would be pleased with his disciples' readiness that he would treat them to a feast. But being prepared might call for much patience because the time of returning could be delayed. Thinking of another situation, Jesus said that if a homeowner knew when the burglar was coming, he would be ready for him. But not knowing, he could not prevent the break-in. The Son of man's coming will be just as much a surprise.

#### Being Faithful In Our Task (Luke 12:41-48)

Peter never seemed to hesitate to speak up; he showed he was listening and interested. Here he asked whether Jesus' parable applied to the twelve or

to all followers. Jesus gave him no direct answer, but his use of the word *steward* seems to suggest that he was thinking of people with responsibility for others. One scholar suggests that he was referring to the Jewish leaders, and some feel this is a definite reference to the Christian ministry.

The parable itself deals with a foreman who supervises household servants. While the owner is absent, the foreman is in charge, even to the extent of allowing food to the workers. If he is faithful and wise in handling that responsibility, he will be given continuing authority when the owner returns. But if the foreman takes advantage of the owner's absence by mistreating the workers and getting drunk, the owner returning unexpectedly will punish and dismiss the foreman. If he understood clearly what the owner expected but still violated his command, that foreman would be punished severely. If he broke the rules but did not really understand the owner's standards, that foreman would not be punished as much. Accountability increases with advantages given.

#### Judged For Selfish Living (Jas. 5:1-4)

Although James had criticized the behavior of rich and proud Christians earlier in his letter, he must have been talking about rich unbelievers in this passage. They will "weep and howl" because of the sufferings coming to them, evidently in judgment from God. Their gold, silver, and fine garments will not protect them in "the last days." These will show what they re-

### Liberty Church Opposes "Soap"

Liberty Church, Charles Hollifield, pastor, has adopted a resolution opposing television programs related to the abuse of human sexuality, violence, perversion in general, and the adult sex comedy series "Soap" in particular.

The resolutions quoted from the church covenant, stating that Baptist church members are "to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment."

ally trusted.

All the while, they were callous to the needs of others. First, they refused to pay day laborers what they earned each day to live on, and the Lord of hosts heard the cries of the hungry. Second, they lived wastefully, enjoying luxury while others were in need. Fattening themselves like cattle, they have now come to a "day of slaughter." Third, they have used their power to take advantage of the righteous poor who offer no real resistance. Such people are judged for their selfish living.

### Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work For October 30

## Calling To A New Life In Christ

By Bill Duncan  
Long Beach, First  
(John 3:1-15)

A few years ago, a good friend of mine named Joe had a heart attack. This really hurt Joe. He had given his



life as a local supporter of all the youth-sport programs. He gave his time to announce the games. But what could he do in his critical condition? About six weeks after the heart attack, he went to the specialist for an examination and heart surgery was suggested. The day he was operated on I sat with his family and we prayed for Joe's recovery. The operation was very successful. But for Joe, he always marked that date and reminded me of when he got new life. To him it was another chance and a new beginning.

The idea of new life had never crossed Nicodemus' mind. Jesus told Nicodemus he had to be born again. How could that be?

Jesus had something to offer beyond what a person could find in the form of Judaism that Nicodemus observed. Nicodemus was one of the best men in the Bible. He was a law-respecting

man. But he needed the new life that Jesus had to offer. Nicodemus knew that Jesus was from God because of the miracles. He did. Therefore he sought to know more about Jesus and His work. Nicodemus' guest opened the door for his need to be expressed. It may have been that Jesus could see that Nicodemus was searching for something else.

When Jesus said that a man must be born again, Nicodemus misunderstood Him. The word "again" may have been misleading. It has three different meanings: (1) It can mean from the beginning, completely, radically. (2) It can mean again, in the sense of for the second time. (3) It can mean from above, and therefore, from God. Our English word "again" cannot express all of this. To be born again is to undergo such a radical change that it is like a new birth. It is to have something happen to the soul that brings forgiveness and a new beginning. All of this is not a human achievement but it comes from the grace and the power of God. The response of Nicodemus was that he now realized it was necessary, but in his experience it was impossible.

The new birth of Jesus was of the Spirit. John had told the people that Jesus would baptize with the Spirit. To be born of the flesh is to live with the

potential of the flesh and the limitations that it imposes. To be born of the Spirit means to rise above that which is physical and temporal and to live with commitment to eternal priorities. By the work of the Spirit a person can become a new creature and thereby gain entrance into the Kingdom of God. The change effects a radical change at the core of one's values, attitudes and behavior.

After Jesus set forth the need, he then expressed the means by which a person can have new life. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:13, 15). The story of Moses was a simple but dramatic story. By the grace of God and under His direction, Moses set before them an opportunity for life instead of death. If the people would only look at the brass serpent lifted up upon the pole, they would live. By the power of God in whom they trusted they were healed.

To believe in Jesus gives one new life. Believe and live gives one new life. To believe in Jesus is to respond to Him with trust and acceptance. It means to believe with our hearts that God is as Jesus declared Him to be. It means to deliver one's self over to Him for salvation and service. Not only do

And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son! (II Sam. 18:33.)

A wayward son brought shame and sorrow to his father who was a good man. A friend asked this father one day how his son was doing and the reply was, "Very badly, worse than ever, I'm afraid." The friend said, "If he were my son I would turn him out and have nothing else to do with him." The father explained, "Yes, if he were your son, I would do the same, but he is my son and I will hold on to him, love him and pray for him hoping that some day he will come to his senses."



Kelly

This describes David and his attitude toward his son Absalom.

Even in meaning well, many parents contribute to the delinquency of the children. David's own grief was a reflection of his own self. He had sent an evil example and he had not used discipline. In so many cases there was a delinquent parent before there was a delinquent child.

There is just no substitute for a father's love and care. The picture of David going up those stairs in a bursting release of emotion is one of the saddest pictures in the Bible. No doubt it was a show of his love for Absalom. The term "my son" is repeated five times in this one verse. The relationship of father and son is one of the highest on earth. In fact, that is the relationship used to describe God and His children. Those who are born again are "sons of God." What is wrong with divorce and separation? It leaves a child without a daddy!

It's sad but we always reap what we sow. The results of sins of parents affect the children. God said to David, "The sword shall not depart out of your house" (I Sam. 12:10). David said in Psalm 38:4-5, "For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me, My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness."

That 'til a common grief.

Bringeth but slight relief;

Ours is the bitterest loss.

Ours is the heaviest cross;

And forever the cry will be,

'Would God I had died for thee,

'O Absalom, my son!

—Longfellow

## Revival Results

Grace Memorial, Tupelo: Carey Paul Douglas, pastor of East Lincoln Church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Joe Holcomb, pastor. The evangelist states, "The church is only a year old. We had a great revival spirit, with several professions of faith, a great attendance and a deep move of the Holy Spirit among the church folk."

East Lincoln Church, Brookhaven: George Bolden of Clear Creek near Holly Springs, evangelist; Carey Paul Douglas, pastor. "There was an unusual attendance and the church people were greatly blessed by the preaching of the word," according to the pastor.

## Nettleton Is The Little Town Of Many Churches

By Vera Rogers

There are 12 churches in Nettleton, which has a population of a little over 2,000. The town has often been called "The little town of many churches." More children than grown-ups attend the Sunday Schools; then there are more adults added at the 11 o'clock worship services.

A survey of the number attending Sunday School on a recent Sunday revealed: Present at the United Methodist Church were 110; at the Independent Methodist Sunday School — 20; First Baptist Church — 147; Victory Baptist Church — 24; South Nettleton Baptist Church — 75; Presbyterian Church — 35; at the Pentecostal Church — 212; at the Church of Christ

— 70; at the Assembly of God Church in North Nettleton — 71; at the Palestine United Methodist Church in North Nettleton — 50; at the Spring Hill Baptist Church in South Nettleton — 34; and at the East Spring Hill Church — 20; making a total of 868, or about 43 per cent of the population. Many of those present were children and young people, with a large adult attendance at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

### Revival Dates

Carmel (Lawrence): Oct. 30 - Nov. 4; at 7 p.m.; Edward Sheppard, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Dennis Dunn, Foxworth, singer; Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

## Off The Record

"You're the laziest person I ever met," the office manager told the young clerk. "I don't believe you do an hour's work in a month. Tell me one single way in which the firm benefits from having you here." "Well," replied the clerk after due consideration, "when I go on vacation, no extra work is thrown on the others."

Question: What did the Mama firefly say to the Papa firefly?  
Answer: Don't you think Junior is bright for his age?

"I'm giving you three days to pay the rent!"  
"Okay. I'll take Christmas, Easter, and July 4th!"

we believe but we stake everything on the fact that what He says is true. The new life is eternal life which is the very life of God Himself. This life envelopes every relationship in life with peace.

Charles Colson tells in his book *Born Again* of his experience with God. Outside the home of his friend Tom Phillips, Colson sat alone crying. He did not shed tears of sadness or remorse but of joy and relief. Tom had told Colson that he and his friends had brought this sad condition upon themselves. He told Colson that if he had put his faith in God, He would have guided him. Tom went on to explain to Colson how to accept Christ as Saviour. But Colson told Tom he was not ready to make that kind of commitment. They had prayed together and Colson had left. He was alone in his car and prayed his first real prayer. He said, "God, I don't know how to find you, but I'm going to try! I'm not much the way I am now, but somehow I want to give myself to you." He said that he did not know how to say more, so he repeated over and over the words: "Take me." That night for the first time he did not feel alone.

To receive life anew, one must believe in Jesus and give to Him his life. The new life is free but we must accept it by faith in Jesus Christ.